



## **Siren Telephone Company Inc.**

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VIA ECFS

March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest for Price Cap Areas  
Siren Telephone Co Inc**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Siren Telephone Co Inc hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding. Siren Tel Co is an ILEC ETC serving rural areas of northwestern Wisconsin, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to as many as 3,550 new locations (3,396 High Cost Locations, and 154 Extremely High Cost Locations) in unserved high-cost census blocks within the following Burnett County, WI eligible census tracts:

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Proposed Services

VoIP and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/2 Mbps upstream provided over fixed wireless broadband delivered from fiber-optic served towers.

Funding

Siren Tel Company estimates construction costs to be a total of \$1,713,000 based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. Siren Tel Co requests \$1,713,000 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding. Any remaining capital and ongoing expenses to operate the system will be internally funded by Siren.

Siren Tel Co expects begin service to the first group of unserved high-cost census blocks customers within 6 months of the start of construction.

Siren Tel Co appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sid Sherstad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

Sid Sherstad  
General Manager  
Siren Telephone Company Inc.